(b) whether there is any plan for expansion of BHEL unit situated at Haridwar, keeping in view the difference between demand and supply; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) No, Sir. There is no constraint in timely supply of turbines by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) to hydel projects. Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in its report on "Assessment of preparedness of BHEL to meet the capacity addition requirement of Power Sector during the Eleventh Five Year Plan has stated that "for hydro projects, no delay is attributable to supply and erection of power house equipment by BHEL."

(b) and (c) BHEL has enhanced its power generating equipment manufacturing capacity from existing 6,000 MW to 10,000 MW per annum as on 31.12.2007 and is further augmenting it to 15,000 MW per annum by and December 2009, which include capacity expansion at Haridwar Unit also to meet the emerging requirement of the country.

Revival of HMT unit at Ranibagh, Uttarakhand

†565. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some plan is being formulated to revive the HMT unit situated at Ranibagh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details of steps to be taken to revive this unit situated in the backward region of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The watch factory at Ranibagh is a sick unit of HMT Watches Limited. No final decision with regard to this unit has been taken.

Continuous loss in Government enterprises

†566. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether 226 Public Sector Enterprises have suffeed a loss of more than Rs. 23 thousand crores during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of the loss, industry-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether some strategy have been prepared to control this nature of constant loss; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) As per Public Enterprises Survey 2006-07, which has been laid in both the houses of Parliament on 28-2-2008, the number of loss making Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and amount of losses during the last three years are as under:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Year	Number of loss making CPSEs	Losses in Rs. crore
2004-05	73	9003
2005-06	63	6845
2006-07	59	8223
TOTAL:		24071

The deails of the losses of these CPSEs are available in Public Enterprises Survey (Volume-I) of respective years.

(c) and (d) Government have constituted a Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) in December, 2004 to advise the Government on strengthening, modernizing, reviving, and restructuring of CPSEs. On the recommendations of BRPSE, Government have approved 28 cases for revival and restructuring of CPSEs involving a cash assistance of Rs. 1962.51 crore and a non-cash assistance of Rs. 6446.80 crore.

Production-sharing contract

567. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the production-sharing contracts signed by Government with the explorers during the last five years;

(b) in how many such cases, exploration has already commenced with their effective dates; and

(c) whether any such acreages had lucrative reserves to match the Government stakes by way of profit-share and revenue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Government of India has signed Production Sharing Contract (PSC) for 115 exploration blocks for oil and gas during last five years (2002—07) under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP).

(b) Exploration activities have already started in 109 blocks out of 115 blocks where Petroleum Exploration License (PEL) have been granted during the last five years (2002—07).

(c) 36 oil and gas discoveries have been made during the last five years (2002—07) in New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) blocks. After commercial production Government gets share of profit petroleum as per PSC.

Gas pipeline network in Andhra Pradesh

568. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Central Government to approve its proposal for sanctioning a State-wise Gas Pipelines Network;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals;

(c) the reasons for delay in sanctioning it; and